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Data on 64,000 Ohio State Workers Stolen

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A 22-year-old intern was given the responsibility of safeguarding the personal information of thousands of state employees, a security procedure that ended up backfiring.

The names and Social Security numbers of all 64,000 Ohio state employees were stolen last weekend from a state agency intern who left a backup data storage device in his car, Gov. Ted Strickland said Friday.

An additional review of data revealed that the storage device also may have held information about participants in the state's pharmacy benefits management program and the names and Social Security numbers of their dependents. Strickland has asked Ohio Inspector General Tom Charles to investigate. [Read the rest of this entry »](#)

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MySpace page may have been suspect's



Amid mentions of family, a love of fast cars and interests in reading and painting, a MySpace page that appears to be that of a man accused of kidnapping and

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appears to be that of a man accused of kidnapping and killing a teenager contains some bizarre references that turn more disturbing in light of the criminal charges.

The general interests include “eating small children and harming small animals,” but also photography and painting and wanting “to own my own company someday.” The author describes himself as a “Sweet Troubled Soul.” [Read the rest of this entry »](#)

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China Crafts Cyberweapons

The Defense Department reports China is building cyberwarfare units and developing viruses.
Sumner Lemon, IDG News Service

The People’s Liberation Army (PLA) continues to build cyberwarfare units and develop viruses to attack enemy computer systems as part of its information-warfare strategy, the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) warned in a report released on Friday. [Read the rest of this entry »](#)

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California Selling Social Security Numbers



When Alexis Jones tried buying house and found several accounts she didn’t recognize on her credit report, she knew she had become an identity theft victim. Every year 45,000 other Californians become victims of identity theft.

“I do a lot of Internet buying, I’m always online. So, I knew I was susceptible. All they need is just a number

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and they can open accounts and all kinds of things,” said Jones.

Today, a Sacramento lawmaker showed how you could go to the Secretary of State’s the web page where, until today, the state was selling your personal information for only \$6 — the cost of lunch.

“I was really surprised to see this and really stunned to see the names of people I knew in the community, businesses large and small and see their social security numbers, signatures and their addresses,” said State Assemblyman Dave Jones. [Read the rest of this entry »](#)

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How Identity Thieves Clone Your Credit Cards

This is why you should always pay cash when eating out. A waitress uses a special device to extract data from the credit card’s magnetic strip — includes name, address, etc.

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Workplace smoke ban a ‘gift’ for hackers



Workplace smoking bans may be good for workers’ health, but could open the back door to hackers.

In a recent social engineering test undertaken by UK-based security consultancy NTA Monitor, a tester was able to easily gain access to a corporate building through a back door that was left open for smokers. Once inside, the penetration tester was able to easily bluff his way into a meeting room, claiming the IT department had sent him. Even without a pass, he gained access unchallenged and was then able to connect his laptop to the firm’s VoIP network via a telephone connection point. [Read the rest of this entry](#)

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Top 10 Most Common Passwords



The password trends show that the average user cares less about choosing a strong password and more about memorability.

Our life these days is largely dependent on passwords whether shopping online, transferring funds or sending emails passwords have a part to play.

With fraudsters more and more turning online to get money and we all hear about security breaches and fraud stories all the time.

It still amazes us how people think of passwords as a word they can remember easy, it might just be time for a change if your password is listed here.

Top 10 Most Common Passwords

10. Thomas
9. arsenal
8. monkey
7. charlie
6. qwerty
5. 123456
4. letmein
3. liverpool
2. password

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The man responsible for unleashing what is believed to be the first self-propagating cross-site scripting worm has pleaded guilty in Los Angeles Superior Court to charges stemming from his most infamous hacking.

Samy Kamkar, who was 19 when he unleashed the attack on MySpace.com in October 2005, was sentenced to three years of probation and ordered to perform 90 days of community service, according to a MySpace statement released Wednesday. [Read the rest of this entry »](#)

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Spam Made Up 94% Of All E-Mail In December

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Legitimate e-mail now constitutes a rounding error when compared with spam, thanks to a standing army of more than a million zombie PCs waging war on in-boxes worldwide on any given day.

Some 94% of all e-mail last December was spam, according to Postini's annual communications intelligence report, which the managed e-mail security company released today.

In 2006, the volume of spam rose 147% by Postini's measure. The company attributes the surge in spam to PCs that have been commandeered by cybercriminals without the knowledge of their owners. [Read the rest of this entry »](#)

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MySpace offers parental notification software



Parents will be able to use the software, named "Zephyr," to find out what name, age and location their children use to represent themselves on MySpace, the Journal said.

It would not allow parents to read their children's e-mail or see their profile pages, and it would alert children that their information was being shared, the paper reported. [Read the rest of this entry »](#)

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